

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1-7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device, comprising:
  - an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;
  - an operation member that is operated by a user to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;
  - a connection unit to which a detachable portable memory is connected;
  - ~~a memory;~~an internal memory; and
  - an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically transfer the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user from the image-capture device to an external device via a communication circuit capable of communicating with the external device to store the image data in the external device, and when communication with the external device is disabled, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory so that the operation member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject ~~image.~~ image, wherein
    - the image storage control unit controls the internal memory to store at least one of image identification information with regard to the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory and memory identification information to identify the detachable portable memory.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8,  
~~wherein~~ wherein:

the image storage control unit detects whether or not wireless communication with the external device is enabled and transfers image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory if wireless communication with the external device is detected to be disabled.

11. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, ~~wherein~~ wherein:

the image storage control unit detects whether or not a storage capacity of the external device is sufficient and transfers image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory if the storage capacity of the external device is detected to be insufficient.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device, comprising:  
an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;  
a connection unit that electrically, detachably, selectively and exclusively connects to a main body of the image-capturing device either a portable memory or a wireless communication circuit capable of wirelessly communicating with an external ~~device~~; device  
and has a slot where either the portable memory or the wireless communication circuit is loaded;

a detection unit that detects whether or not the wireless communication circuit is connected at the connection unit; and

an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, to automatically and directly transfer image data generated by the image sensor to the portable memory if the portable memory is connected at the connection unit and to automatically and wirelessly transfer image data generated by the image sensor to the external device via the

wireless communication circuit if the detection unit detects that the wireless communication circuit is connected at the connection unit.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera, comprising:

an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;

an operation member that is operated by a user to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;

a connection unit to which a detachable portable memory is connected;

~~a memory;~~an internal memory; and

an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically transfer the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user from the electronic camera to an external device via a wireless communication circuit to store the image data in the external device, and when communication with the external device is disabled, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory so that the operation member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject ~~image.~~  
image, wherein

the image storage control unit controls the internal memory to store image identification information with regard to the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory and memory identification information to identify the detachable portable memory.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8,

~~wherein~~ wherein:

the image storage control unit does not store image data which has been transferred to the external device in the detachable portable memory.

18. (Previously Presented) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein the communication circuit is a wireless communication circuit capable of communicating with the external device through a wireless communication.

19. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to ~~claim 9,~~  
claim 8, wherein the detachable portable memory is a memory card.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein the image storage control unit further controls transfer of the image data to transfer image data stored in the detachable portable memory to the external device when the external device becomes usable.

22. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device, comprising:  
an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;  
an operation member that is operated by a user to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;  
a connection unit to which a detachable portable memory is connected;  
~~a memory;~~an internal memory;  
a setting unit that sets either the detachable portable memory or an external device as a storage device where the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user is to be stored;  
a communication circuit capable of wireless communication with the external device; and  
an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory in the case that the memory is set as the storage device, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor from the image-capture device to the external device by wireless communication via

the communication circuit in the case that the external device is set as the storage device, and to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory in the case that the external device is set as the storage device and communication with the external device is disabled, so that the operation device can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject ~~image~~. image, wherein

the image storage control unit controls the internal memory to store image identification information with regard to the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory and memory identification information to identify the detachable portable memory.

23. (Previously Presented) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, further comprising:

a mode setting unit that sets operation of the image-capture device in the communication mode in which the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user is automatically transferred from the image-capturing device to the external device to store the image data in the external device.

24. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 23, ~~further comprising:~~

~~a connection unit that electrically, detachably, selectively and exclusively connects to a main body of the image capturing device either a~~wherein either the detachable portable memory or a wireless communication circuit capable of wirelessly communicating with the external device; and device is electrically, detachably, selectively and exclusively connected to the connection unit,

wherein there is further provided a detection unit that detects whether or not the wireless communication circuit is connected ~~at the~~ to the connection unit,

wherein the mode setting unit sets operation of the image-capturing device in the communication mode when the detection unit detects that the wireless communication circuit is connected ~~at the~~ to the connection unit, and

wherein the image storage control unit controls transfer of image data to automatically and wirelessly transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the external device via the wireless communication circuit in the communication mode.

25. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 23, wherein the mode setting unit sets operation of the image-capture device in either (1) the communication mode as a first mode, or (2) a second mode in which the image data generated by the image sensor is automatically transferred to the detachable portable memory to store the image data in the detachable portable memory; and

wherein the image storage control unit controls transfer of image data in the second mode to automatically transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory to store the image data in the detachable portable memory, and to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the external device when the detachable portable memory is not usable.

26. (Previously Presented) An electronic camera according to claim 15, further comprising:

a mode setting unit that sets operation of the electronic camera in the communication mode in which the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user is automatically transferred from the electronic camera to the external device to store the image data in the external device.

27. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 22, wherein the image storage control unit controls transfer of image data to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the external device in the case that the detachable

portable memory is set as the storage device and the detachable portable memory is not usable.

28. (New) An image-capturing device according to claim 21, wherein:  
the image storage control unit deletes the image identification information and the memory identification information from the internal memory after the image data has been transferred to the external device.

29. (New) An image-capturing device according to claim 8,  
wherein either the detachable portable memory or a wireless communication circuit capable of wirelessly communicating with the external device is electrically, detachably, selectively and exclusively connected to the connection unit,  
wherein there is further provided a detection unit that detects whether or not the wireless communication circuit is connected to the connection unit,  
wherein the image storage control unit controls transfer of image data to automatically and directly transfer image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory if the detachable portable memory is connected to the connection unit and to automatically and wirelessly transfer image data generated by the image sensor to the external device via the wireless communication circuit if the detection unit detects that the wireless communication circuit is connected to the connection unit.

30. (New) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein:  
the communication circuit is capable of communicating with the external device by at least a first communication method and a second communication method, and attempts the second communication method when communication with the external device is failed by the first communication method.

31. (New) An image-capturing device, comprising:  
an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;

an operation member that is operated by a user to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;

a memory; and

an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically transfer the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user from the image-capture device to an external device via a communication circuit capable of communicating with the external device to store the image data in the external device, and when communication with the external device is disabled, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the memory so that the operation member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject image, wherein

the communication circuit is capable of communicating with the external device by at least a first communication method and a second communication method, and attempts the second communication method when communication with the external device is failed by the first communication method.

32. (New) An image-capturing device, comprising:

an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;

an operation member that is operated by a user to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data; and

an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically transfer the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user from the image-capture device to a first external device via a communication circuit capable of communicating with the first external device to store the image data in the first external device, and when communication with the first external device is disabled, to transfer the



image data generated by the image sensor to a second external device via the communication circuit capable of communicating with the second external device to store the image data in the second external device so that the operation member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject image, wherein

an image storage control unit transmits a command from the image-capturing device to the second external device to transfer the image data to the first external device from the second external device where the image data have been stored on a temporary basis as the first external device becomes available, when transferring the image data to the second external device.